men's Mess at IAF station, Race Course, New Delhi;

(b) if so, on how many times the quality of food items was checked by the concerned agency during the last one year; and

(c) what are the details of the reports given by the concerned agency and the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The food served to airmen at Air Force Station, New Delhi is checked daily, before serving, by the Catering Supervisor, detailed for this specific duty and also by the Orderly Officer of the day. Senior Officers of Station HQrs. also carry out supervisory checks at regular intervals. No food from Airmen's Mess is served to officers.

(c) Since no deficiency etc. was noticed, no action was necessary.

Loan under Refinance Scheme by Syndicate Bank

3852. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Syndicate Bank, Nangloi Branch, Delhi are not entertaining loan applications from various category of Tiny industries under Refinance scheme of National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD);

(b) how many loan application Syndicate Bank, Nangloi Branch, Delhi have received during the last one year under refinance scheme of 'NABARD' and how many applicants have been granted loan under the scheme during this period;

(c) what are the administrative, technical or other difficulties, Syndicate Bank, Nangloi, Delhi are having for not entertaining loan application under 'NABARD' refinance scheme; and

(d) what action Government have taken or propose to take against the Syndicate Bank, Nangloi Branch in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (d) The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) extends refinance assistance to eligible institutions in respect of loans granted by them for activities eligible for such refinance. Syndicate Bank has reported that its Nangloi Branch has been providing loans for various activities eligible for NABARD refinance. During the year 1987 in addition to sanctioning loans to 76 beneficiaries under the Self Employment Programme for Urban poor, it has sanctioned 20 loans to beneficiaries under the Integrated Rural Development Programme. Syndicate Bank has further reported that it has rejected only one loan in the tiny sector because, in its commercial judgement, the loan could not be sanctioned.

Benefits given to commissioned officers in public sector banks

3853. DR. H. P. SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2160 given in the Rajya Sabha on 13th August, 1987 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that posts of Security Officer in State Bank of India are manned exclusively by ex-Service personnel and yet the ex-Emergency Commissioned Officer/ex-Short Service Commissioned Officers recruited to those posts are denied benefit of seniority and promotion by counting their approved military service; if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is also a fact that those ex-ECO's/ex-SSOs who joined State Bank of India against unreserved posts have become junior in service to those of their colleagues who joined the Bank on later dates against reserved posts; if so, what are the details thereof and reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government have received any representation from affected Security Offices of the SBI praying for counting of

approved military service for seniority purpose; if so, what are the details thereof, and what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARY): (a) to (c) State Bank of India has reported that the posts of Security Officers in the bank are manned by Ex-servicemen personnel. The Ex-Emergency Commissioned Officers|Short Service Commissioned Officers, appointed to these posts, are allowed the benefits of pay fixation as per the instructions issued by the Department of Personnel and Training. Since the Security Officers in the State Bank of India have not been appointed against reserved posts and|or they did not join the pre-commission training between 1st November 1962 and 10th January 1968, they are not entitled to the benefits of seniority for the service rendered by them in the armed forces in terms of the instructions of the Department of Personnel and Training on the subject.

State Bank of India had made a reference to the Government seeking clarification if the benefits of seniority would be available to the Ex-Emergency Commissioned Officers/Short Service Commissioned Officers who were recruited by it as Security Officers but the vacancies for which were not reserved for them. It has been clarified to the bank, in consulation with the Department of Personnel and Training, that the benefits of counting of military service rendered by the Ex-Emergency Commissioned Officers|Short Service Commissioned Officers, who were commissioned or who joined the pre-commission training between 1st November 1962 and 10th January 1968 and who were re-employed against unreserved posts, were not available to them.

Meeting of NCC Advisory Committee Uttar Pradesh

3854. SHRI SHARAD YADAV: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names and addresses of the members of Advisory Committee for the National Cadet Corps in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) what is the date on which the last meeting of the Committee took place;

(c) what are the agenda points which were considered, alongwith the decisions taken on them by the Committee;

(d) what is the date on which the next meeting of the Committee is likely to take place;

(e) whether it is a fact that provisions regarding the number of times the State Advisory Committee should hold its meetings according to Rule 43(2) of NCC Rules 1948, are not being followed in Uttar Pradesh; and

(f) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) At present, there is no properly constituted Advisory Committee for the NCC in UP.

(b) As per available information, the last meeting of the Committee was held in December, 1978.

(c) The agenda points which were considered and the decision taken on them are not readily available.

(d) The meetings of the State Advisory Committee for the NCC are arranged by the State Government.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) The matter is being taken up with the State Government.

T.V. station in each district of Andhra Pradesh

3855. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government have agreed to instal T.V. relay station in each district of Andhra Pradesh during the Seventh Five Year Plan;